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Date of Interview: 11 July 2005.						
Type: a)☐ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference c)☑ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]						
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If Yes, brief description:						
Claim(s) discussed: Claim 1 and Claim 7.						
Identification of prior art discussed: <u>Vaithilingam et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0159640 A1) and Riverieulx de Varax</u> (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,841 B2).						
Agreement with respect to the claims f) \square was reached. g) \boxtimes was not reached. h) \square N/A.						
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)						
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The Applicant's representative requested the After-Final Interview to discuss the instant invention and the difference between the claimed limitation and the cited prior art specifically the recitation of "determining a descriptor weight in accordance with a combination of descriptors" as recited in claim 1. The Examiner pointed to Vaithilingam et al. page 1, paragraphs 0010-0012 wherein "generating clusters of descriptors" and assigning scores to the clusters is disclosed and broadly interpreted to read on assigning weight to "combinations of descriptors".

The Applicant's representative argued the recitation of "query viewpoint" as disclosed in claim 7. The Examiner pointed to Riverieulx de Varax column 4, lines 23-48, and column 5, lines 17-50 wherein "initial, adjusted, and updated query" is taught and is being broadly interpreted to read on the argued limitation.

The representative stated a response will be filed to the office shortly